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1. In accordance with reference documents, I would like to submit an outline of principles which I believe should be followed in the preparation of any DOGPATCH plan. The emphasis I want to put on this outline in the event of any preparation for DOGPATCH, if the plan is to be at all successful, necessitates not only planning on such an eventuality but also making certain preparations already at this time to enable us to face the situation when it occurs.

2. The people we have to provide for under DOGPATCH fall into the following categories:

a. STAFF PERSONNEL

1. Intelligence officers with a knowledge of German who could be absorbed into the German economy either as Germans or as foreign born, who have lived a large portion of their life in Germany and have assumed German nationality. This personnel could be furnished with identity documents and inter-zonal passes explaining their presence in Berlin at the time DOGPATCH plan is activated. Another possibility for this type of personnel, and this applies to all US male and some female personnel, is their inclusion in some Army unit in Berlin in Army or WAC status. This latter possibility is not a very secure one since even cursory interrogation of FWS will disclose this personnel as not belonging to the outfit in which they are found.

2. American female personnel both intelligence officers, administrative, secretarial and dependents. These present by

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and large one of our most difficult problems, since obviously dependents must have somebody they depend on and the secretarial staff could only conceivably be employed by another agency. In each case their knowledge of German is not sufficient to have them absorbed by the German economy.

3. American male personnel without knowledge of German could either be absorbed in Army units with the same limitations mentioned in a.1 above, or attempt assuming a cover in other presently existing organizations.

b. GERMAN PERSONNEL

1. Blown agents. These should be provided if possible with false identity documents identifying them as Germans coming from the American Zone on a business visit to Berlin. This will make it impossible to check up on them immediately and will give them more time to disappear.

2. Germans who know enough about operations to be considered a security threat but who cannot be considered blown agents, but at the same time would fall under suspicion because of social or political background upon Russian occupation. They should be handled in the same manner as 1. above.

3. Germans whom we consider essential for mounting operations into Soviet occupied eastern Germany and who, if possible, should be instructed on false documents to make their way back to the Western lines.

4. Germans who have serviced classified installations, such as housekeepers of safe houses, should be provided the same courtesies as in b.1 above.

3. You will notice that I am only taking into account the eventuality of sudden war without any warning and, therefore, without ability to evacuate anybody by plane. I believe the other DOGPATCH plans are perfectly all right for an ordinary withdrawal, but more than likely if United States Forces withdraw from Berlin, it will be far from ordinary and I believe we should consider the security and life of our staff personnel since each single one of them if caught will compromise the result of years of laborious preparation in agent operations in the Eastern Zone. If you agree with this in principle, we can work out each single case and cover story and initiate the necessary papers. Please advise.